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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OCT 11 AIRPORT DEPARTURE REMARKS MADE
BY REP. JAMES H. SCHEUER, D-NY, TO ZAIRE PRESS AGENCY REPORTER:

Q - YOU HAVE JUST COME TO ZAIRE FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT OF A
FEW DAYS. CAN YOU TELL US THE RESULTS OF YOUR CONVERSATIONS
WITH VARIOUS ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS?

A - WE HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE AND THE HONOR OF SPEAKING TO MANY
DOZENS OF ZAIRIANS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
TO FATHER BOUTE, THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PLANNING
AT THE UNIVERSITY, DR. SABWA, THE HEAD OF THE NAISSANCES DESIRABLES
PROGRAM. WE HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH IMPRESSED WITH THE OBSERVATION
THAT WE GOT FROM MANY PEOPLE THAT IN THE LAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS
THERE HAS BEEN A VERY HEIGHTENED SENSITIVITY OF THE DESIRABILITY
OF THE PROGRAM OF NAISSANCES DESIRABLES TO BUILD STRONGER,
HEALTHIER FAMILIES AND A STRONGER, HEALTHIER ZAIRE AND A NEW
AWARENESS OF THE THREAT THAT UNLIMITED POPULATION GROWTH PRESENTS
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TO ZAIRE'S EXCELLENT AND WELL CONCEIVED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, WELFARE, JOBS, INDUSTRIALIZATION
TRANSPORT AND THE OTHER FINE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ZAIRE HAS IN
THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION STAGE.

Q - MAY WE EXPECT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ZAIRE IN
THE FIELD OF FAMILY PLANNING?

A - WE THINK THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP. WE CAN
MAKE AVAILABLE MANY OPTIONS, MANY CHOICES FOR THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE,
MANY APPROACHES TO FAMILY PLANNING, MANY DIFFERENT METHODOLOGIES
AND SYSTEMS TO ACHIEVE NAISSANCE DESIRABLES. WE CAN HELP IN
TRAINING; WE CAN HELP IN THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EQUIPMENT FOR
RURAL HEALTH DELIVERY SERVICES, THE LITTLE GAS POWERED ICE BOX
REFRIGERATOR, THE STERILIZER, AND SO FORTH. THE IMPORTANT THING
IN OUR OPINION IS THAT WE MUST MAKE AVAILABLE TO YOU ONLY THE
CHOICES, ONLY THE OPTIONS, BECAUSE THE ULTIMATE DECISION ON
WHAT KIND OF DESIGN THE PROGRAM SHOULD HAVE, AND WHAT KIND OF
FACILITIES THE SERVICES SHOULD BE OFFERING AND THE MEANS OF GETTING
THEM TO THE PEOPLE, THESE DECISIONS MUST BE MADE BY ZAIRIAN
AUTHORITIES. THEY CANNOT BE MADE BY ANY OUTSIDERS AND THEY MUST
BE MADE BY ZAIRIANS CONSISTENT WITH ALL OF YOUR TRADITIONS, AND
YOUR HISTORY-YOUR RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS, YOUR TRIBAL TRADITIONS,
YOUR NATIONALIST TRADITIONS, AND ALL THE ELEMENTS THAT HAVE
PRODUCED THE ZAIRIAN CIVILIZATION. END QUOTE

2. PRESS CLIPS AND PHOTOS TO FOLLOW.
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